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## CITY ANNOUNCES REFUSE COLLECTION FEE INCREASE

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The City of Fredericksburg announces that effective July 1, 2006, refuse collection fees will increase from \$13.39 / month for most homes to \$15 / month. For customers living in high density houses such as townhouses or condominiums, the fee will increase from \$8.245 / month to \$12 / month. The City will continue to bill for refuse collection on a bi-monthly basis, along with water and sewer services.

"The City finds it necessary to raise our rates, as our costs for labor and fuel continue to rise," said Phillip L. Rodenberg, City Manager. "Even though the rates have increased we feel the City still provides good value for the services that are provided."

Here is an example of the charges that will be billed after July 1. As a reminder, bills are sent bi-monthly:

City Refuse Collection Charges	Current Bill	New Bill (effective July 1)
Low-Density Homes	\$26.78	\$30
High-Density Homes	\$16.49	\$24

The City provides refuse collection twice per week on a subscription basis within City limits. The City also collects recycling, brush, and during the fall, loose leaves. For more information concerning refuse collection services, contact the Department of Public Works at (540) 372-1023. For account information, contact Utility Billing at (540) 372-1182.